AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 2, replace the paragraph beginning on line 2 with the following new paragraph:

The present application claims the benefit of U.S. provisional application Serial No. 60/130,992 60/008660, filed on April 26, 1999, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

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Page 15, replace the paragraph beginning on line 7 with the following new paragraph:

n) Davies, K. and Upinn, R., 3D pharmacophore searching, Net. Sci.[[,]] (www.netsci.org/Science/Cheminform/feature02.html);

Page 15, replace the paragraph beginning on line 9 with the following new paragraph:

o) Golender, V. and Vesterman, B., APEX 3D expert system for drug design, Net. Sci. (www.awod.com/netsci/Science/Compchem/feature09.html);